

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-13 are pending herein. The specification and claim 10 have been amended to correct editorial errors.

In response to the election of species requirement, Applicant provisionally elects Species A (Figs. 1-3). Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-4, 6, 7 and 10-12 read on Species A, and that claim 10 is generic to all species outlined on page 2 of the Office Action. In this regard, the Examiner is invited to review paragraph [0125] of the present specification, which discusses the common features of the various species outlined in the Office Action.

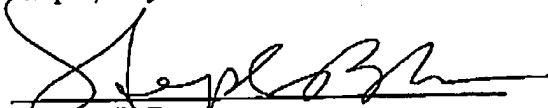
In light of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests examination of all species outlined on page 2 of the Office Action.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action by the Applicant would be desirable in placing this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicant's undersigned representative.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1446.

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Respectfully submitted,


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